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June 13, 1990

Honorable John T. Conway
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
600 E Street, N.W.
Suite 675
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Chairman Conway:

I have received your May 18, 1990 letter enclosing the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's recommendations regarding plutonium processing operations at Rocky Flats Plant.

I agree with the Board's recommendations and have asked Defense Programs to prepare a detailed implementation plan to systematically assess the equipment and structural improvements necessary for assuring safety at Rocky Flats.

This constitutes a final decision by the Department on the Board's Recommendation 90-5. As required by Section 315 of Public Law 100-456, we will submit both to the Board and to the Congress a plan to implement these recommendations within 90 days of publication of this letter in the Federal Register.

Sincerely,

James D. Watkins
Admiral, U.S. Navy (Retired)

cc:
John C. Tuck
Victor Stello